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## NEEDS OF COLLEGE FULLY SET FORTH

In the Report of the Committee of Trustees on the College of Arts and Sciences.

### COLLEGE IS INDISPENSABLE

IN accordance with a resolution of the Board of Trustees there was prepared for the Committee on the College of Arts and Sciences and submitted by it to the Board, a report discussing the several elements which go to make up the "distinctiveness" of the College and explaining the needs of that department of the University. The report is here set out in full, excepting only the caption:

It is of primary importance to recognize the distinct character and function in the University organization of the College of Arts and Sciences. This College alone stands for liberal education. Apart from all professional and vocational motive, apart from all specialization in study, the College alone exists for disseminating and developing the liberalizing influences, important alike for every individual, whatever his vocation or profession or special activity is to be. Special interests in education may be successfully developed as distinct schools, but it is noteworthy that the trend in education has been to ally the medical schools and the law schools with universities and to associate all vocational training with a college of liberal arts as an educational center. The fact that we do not find it practicable at the present time to enforce a requirement of two years or more of college study as a preparation for entering the Department of Law and the Department of Medicine, does not lessen the importance of the work of the College of Arts and Sciences, as the desirable basis for professional and advanced special study.

The key to the College of Arts and Sciences in our University organization is its distinctiveness. It is a wise policy to seek to know what its essential distinctiveness is as an ideal, and in the organization of the College to seek in all wholesome ways to develop and strengthen its distinctiveness, both in its nature and in its function. The first basis of this distinctiveness is that the College is an organization of personal influences, exercised through various studies as a refining and energizing force in education. This organization has four factors—the Faculty, the students, the curriculum, the social life.

### RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO FACULTY.

The Faculty should be men whose personal influence will make wholesome and effective the things that they teach. The ideal of Christian education is more vital and practical in the College whose concern it is to develop and refine the personality, than it is elsewhere in the University. The languages and philosophy and pure and applied science of the college course, do not make learned men. They are but the beginnings of studies of many subjects used as a means to an end. We need the symmetrical development of the individual through the various incentives of the curriculum, and in it all the vital power and the lasting effect is the personal influence of the teacher. In our own experience we forget many of the studies but we do not forget the men. It is desirable to

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## TAKES AN INTERESTING TRIP

Class in International Trade Visits The Philadelphia Commercial Museum.

A MORE enthusiastic company of students than those who, headed by Professor John Ball Osborne of the class in International Trade, of the Department of the Political Sciences, jaunted, on January 21, to the Quaker City, in quest of firsthand knowledge bearing on the question of the methods employed by Philadelphia Commercial Museum in advancing the foreign trade of the United States, would be difficult to find anywhere any time. The visit proved to be of immense benefit, and the members of the class were unanimous in the opinion that no more enjoyable time could have been had, thanks to the efforts of the Museum officials and Professor Osborne.

The Philadelphia Commercial Museum, which is the foremost unofficial agency in the United States for the promotion of our commerce abroad, is supported jointly by the City of Philadelphia, the State of Pennsylvania, and the private subscriptions of manufacturers. Its influence is universally recognized. It is divided into two main branches, the Scientific Department, which has charge of installing and maintaining the exhibits, and the Foreign Trade Bureau, whose purpose is obvious from its name.

### CLASS HAS A PROFITABLE TIME.

Met at the depot by Mr. Dudley Bartlett, Chief of the Foreign Trade Bureau, the members of the party were immediately conducted to the Museum offices, where Dr. Wm. P. Wilson, the Director, greeted them, expressing his pleasure in having the opportunity to explain to the class the workings of the institution. Then followed a presentation to the various officials: Mr. J. J. McFarlane, Librarian and Statistician; Mr. C. Toothaker, Curator; Mr. Morrison, Editor of the Museum Publications, and Mr. Gibson, assistant to Mr. Bartlett. Dr. Wilson, the real founder of the institution, outlined its history and aims, and showed what beneficial results were being accomplished, educationally and commercially. The company then sat down to a delightful luncheon, prepared by the Museum officials, after which fol-

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## IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION

Mr. Baer Advocates Giving Credits Towards Degree for Work in Student Activities.

To the Editor of The News.

DEAR SIR: The action of the Board of Trustees in abolishing the Athletic Council, discontinuing football for one year, and placing all student interests in the hands of a committee of the Faculty, brings to the fore the critical condition of student activities, and the probability of the elimination of the few remaining vestiges of college life.

It would be useless to examine the many causes that have gone to make the existence of all student activities at George Washington a matter of continual doubt, and in the majority of cases, of impossibility. It is enough, I think, to say that the difficulties surrounding the support of student enterprises have already driven out all minor college activities and bid fair to exterminate the few major interests, which strenuous efforts on the part of a few students have maintained.

### THREE POSSIBLE COURSES OPEN.

Three courses, it seems, are possible, as a result of our peculiar conditions: first, we may abolish all student interests, realizing that the existence of any one means a sacrifice on the part of those supporting it, far in excess of the usual strength of college spirit, and with a reward all too conspicuous by its absence; second, we may allow the scattered remains to exist in such fashion as best they can, eventually expiring from their own inertia, as must be inevitable; or, third, we may inject a new force in the existing conditions, endeavoring by experiment to determine what method, if any, exists for the successful continuation of the student activities we now have, and possibly the introduction of other recognized college interests.

Each of the above courses outlines its own answer. The abolition of track, debating, The News, and the Cherry Tree cannot be contemplated but with direful forebodings as to the future of George Washington, as a true college, and to the future of our alumni patriotism, which, with the exception of a few shining examples, can boast of

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## VIRGINIA ROLLS UP LARGEST SCORE

Scores a Total of Thirty-Four Points Against Fifteen Points by Johns Hopkins.

### THREE POINTS FOR G. W. U.

LAST Saturday night witnessed one of the most successful athletic meets ever held under the auspices of our Athletic Association. The University of Virginia won the point trophy by a margin of 19 points over Johns Hopkins, which finished second. There were few events in which Virginia entered that it did not win a place. The Baltimore City College team won the interscholastic point trophy with Tome Institute second and Central High School of this city third.

The following is a summary of the standing of the competing teams, showing the score made by each:

### SCORES OF THE COMPETING TEAMS.

University of Virginia	34
Johns Hopkins	15
Baltimore City College	19
Tome Institute	14
Central High School	10
Baltimore C. Y. M. C. A.	9
Episcopal High School	5
Washington Grove A. A.	5
Baltimore C. C. C.	5
Woodberry Forest	4
George Washington	3
Md. Agricultural College	3
Cathedral School	2
Washington Y. M. C. A.	2
Catholic University	1
Tremont Athletic Club	1

George Washington succeeded in totalling only three points, all of which were made by Diener, who won second place in the pole vault. On landing from his last vault he broke his ankle and had to be taken to the Emergency Hospital for surgical treatment. In the relay race, between George Washington and V. P. I., the former seemed to have a good chance to win had not Bailey fallen on the second lap as he was about to overtake the V. P. I. man. The "Polytecks" won the race by about forty yards.

Sterrett, the former George Washington athlete and for three years the South Atlantic pole vaulting champion, was beaten in the pole vault by Curtis, of Tome. The handicap decided the event against Sterrett. In point of fact Sterrett did eleven feet six inches against Curtis' eleven feet flat. The vaulting of Sterrett was one of the big features of the evening and demonstrated that that well known athlete can still "come back."

### SWARTHMORE DEFEATS "PENN."

Another feature of the evening was the 2,400 yard relay race between the University of Pennsylvania and Swarthmore. The first

## THIS CONCERNS YOU.

The Columbian Women and the Faculty Committee on Student Organizations have planned a benefit performance at the New National on the evening of February 27th. The proceeds will be devoted to University purposes. You are expected to help on the cause by purchasing a ticket. Further particulars on page six.



two "Penn" men ran well and gave the third Red and Blue man about twenty yards' lead, but Hess, of Swarthmore, ran one of the most brilliant races of the evening, and gave Bradford, his teammate, a lead of about ten yards. From the start Bradford cut out a fast pace, and it was plain that the last "Penn" runner had no chance to catch the flying man in front of him. The Quaker finished a good twenty yards in front of his man.

The manager of the track team, Mr. Harold Keats, deserves much credit for the manner in which the meet was conducted. It is to his efforts that the success of the meet must be attributed. While it is too early to know just how the meet turned out financially, it is pretty safe to say that there will be a surplus after all expenses have been paid. It has been one of Mr. Keats' chief aims in managing the meet to show that it can be run to make money, and not as in previous years, merely or barely to pay for itself. The success of the meet is one of the strongest arguments against the abolition of athletics in the University.

#### COLLEGE NOTES.

The College seems to have gone to sleep after mid-years. A reaction, perhaps.

The class of 1911 welcomes Mr. Lasley, late of Milwaukee, back to its fold. Mr. Lasley will return to Milwaukee in June, after taking his M.E.

The upper class dance is to be held February 10th, at the Arlington. Everybody come and help make it a success.

Miss Ellis, beloved alike of students and co-eds, was in the city last week, during the Y. W. C. A. Jubilee, and was at College for luncheon on Saturday. It is surely true that you never appreciate a good thing until it's gone.

Miss Agnes Balloch has gone to Evansville, Ind., for a three-weeks' visit to Mrs. Clarence Leich, formerly Miss Josephine Foster, ex '11.

The engagement of Miss Jane Mahan, '08, has been announced.

Miss Tunstall and Miss Smallwood have gone to Cornell to attend the dance fest.

Students in the College are requested to co-operate with the College Editor in seeing that that department of the University is well represented in each issue of The News.

It is gently rumored that one of the Sororities has passed a regulation that all of its members must be dressed alike when the pictures for the *Cherry Tree* are taken. Individual pictures will be taken. Isn't it fine to have so many sisters of the same size.

The other day a couple left the front door of 1536 I street in an automobile, bound for the Corcoran Art Gallery. Ask either one of them if they ever got to the exhibit.

Not long ago a shy co-ed, Miss —, upon being introduced to a Mr. C —, said: "I'm pleased to meet you." When asked if it were possible that she had not met Mr. C — before, she said, "Why, no; I have never met him before. If I had, do you think that I would have said I was glad to see him."

#### YOUR PICTURE IS WANTED.

Pictures are still being taken for the *Cherry Tree*. Every student is urged to secure a ticket from some member of the Staff and get his picture taken without further delay. Fraternities and societies should act at once, if they have not already done so.

All are urged to contribute anything of interest for publication. Remember that if you do not turn in to your editor a statement of your fraternity affiliations, state of birth, and previous degrees, we can not be held responsible for incorrect or inadequate information. It is up to you to have yourself adequately represented in the book, both in halftone and in type. See to it that you are!

#### VETERINARY NOTES.

The Veterinary Medical Association met in the Medical Building on Saturday evening, January 8. The meeting was a very successful one in all respects. The attendance was large. There were seventy men present, with the student body of all three classes well represented, and a number of members of the Faculty—as well as several practicing veterinarians and government men from the Bureau of Animal Industry.

The speakers were Dr. Schroeder of the Experiment Station of the Bureau of Animal Industry, at Bethesda, Md., and Mr. Rommel, of the Division of Animal Husbandry of the Bureau of Animal Industry. Dr. Schroeder addressed the Association on the subject of "Tuberculosis," explaining the nature of the disease, and making a plea for stronger efforts on the part of veterinarians in the eradication of the disease in the domestic animals.

The subject of Mr. Rommel's address was "The Breeding of Horses for the U. S. Army." He discussed the need for the Government to breed cavalry horses, and the plan which has been worked in collaboration the Department of Agriculture and the Army, to provide the army with remounts of a suitable and known breeding.

The annual banquet of the Veterinary Medical Association will be held Friday, March 3, 1911.

J. N. Hornbaker, '11, J. K. Smith, '12, and G. H. Gillette, '13, are provided with tickets for photos in the *Cherry Tree*. Get your picture tickets from them.

The walls of the library have recently been adorned with some new anatomy charts. As the legends on the charts are in German, some of the men are talking of requesting the Dean to have them translated. Most of our men were not "made in Germany."

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## IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION

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an existence as vivid as Samuel Johnson's ghost. Again, to allow the present interests to continue on the present basis, dying away one by one and destroying whatever enthusiasm might now exist towards the rehabilitation of our college life affords a picture of little but shadows. If then, there is a system which offers at least a logical prospect of success, let us by all means adopt it, if for no longer a time, at least for a year, and give it a fair trial with the active support of Trustees, Faculty, Alumni, and students.

I have felt this long introduction necessary, because I realize that the plan I present will be given a trial only when it has been shown to be absolutely indispensable, and not then, unless it be clear that the continuation of our college interests is called for by a healthy demand.

### THE GENERAL PLAN STATED.

The plan, itself, is simple. It is being adopted by an increasing number of colleges and universities throughout the United States. It is in brief to give university credit for work in student activities—that is, to credit work done in student interest in the hours necessary for each student to obtain his degree. Necessarily a definite schedule and proportion of credits to be allowed would be established, and a certain limit placed on the number any one student might acquire in this fashion. The basis of calculation and the proportion which each activity would bear to the whole, is only a matter of detail and could easily be worked out in an hour. The main, and in fact the only aim of the plan is the incentive offered to the student whether he be brilliant or not, to engage in student work, as a result of his realizing that time so spent would be time gained, not lost. If a student, by attending a debating society three-fourths or the entire year, could gain one-half point on his year's total with no expense to himself, it is surely logical and, to my mind, beyond question, that the attendance of the debating societies would be phenomenal. Or if the members of the staff of the college publications received one-half point a year credit, as a reward for "making" the staff, is it not reasonable that the literary inclined would forsake those courses which they are now taking merely "to fill up" for degrees, and indulge in a congenial occupation which will mean a literary education for them, and a better publication for the University?

### POSSIBLE OBJECTION FORESTALLED.

It is not possible, in a letter such as this, to enter into a full discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed plan, but it is advisable to devote a few words to the first objection which will probably be raised, i. e., that it is not consistent to give scholastic credit for work which is clearly outside of the confines of work ordinarily counted towards a university degree. As far as debating and student publications are concerned, the point is of little weight. In the face of the dailies and weeklies turned out by the universities of this country and in the face of the

masterly orations delivered by the average modern intercollegiate debater, it would be a bold opponent who would maintain that the advantages derived from either of these two activities was less than those gotten from a one hour course taken throughout the year—a course which in its very nature invites absence. As to athletics and possibly dramatics, the point is worthy of consideration, but the broadened view now taken of such interests, and the necessity, admitted by the majority of college presidents, of a certain amount of regular exercise in the average student's course, would at least neutralize the opposition. And, if the only obstruction offered should be this one argument as directed to athletics, it would seem clear that the value of the system as regard the other interests would easily outweigh this objection.

### FACULTY CONTROL NECESSARY.

Obviously a stringent regulation of student activities by the Faculty would be necessary, and would be allowed by the student without protest, for it would be an inherent element in the success of the plan. It is difficult to reconcile the present Faculty arrangement, recently promulgated, with the spirit of democracy advocated by The News and to be put in force by The News in its own organization. Certainly every element of justice would require such an autocratic interference in the system submitted, whereas one can find with difficulty a similar justification in the present control.

### SUMMARY OF PRESENT SITUATION.

In conclusion, I think it well to deal more specifically with the various interests than was done in the introduction, mainly to forestall any claim that my statements are exaggerated. Football as your readers know was discontinued mainly for lack of support. Not only did men fail to present themselves for the team, but students failed to attend the games, failed to aid financially, and finally the assistant managers, with one exception, either left school or found it impossible to continue their duties. Furthermore, despite our attendance of 1,200 for the last few years, it is a known fact that at no time, even in the year of our greatest team, has there been an attendance of more than 36 on the field of practice, and that number so rare as to make the day a gala occasion. Basketball has died because of inaction. In a general competition for the business managership of the *Hatchet*, last year, which netted free tuition to the successful participant, exactly two men made their appearance. I may add here that there is a vast difference between giving a student a scholarship and allowing him credit on his degree. The Faculty have been compelled to appoint two sophomores editor and business manager of the *Cherry Tree*, because no upper classman appeared for the positions. Debating, at present, seems a lost art, if the expression be permissible. Whether your esteemed publication, despite the splendid manner in which it has been edited this college year, will continue in our midst in the future is a problem whose answer only the future will reveal. Track alone

remains, and it too, will disappear as soon as a manager of mediocre ability is elected. The present head, I may say, is as the newspapers have designated him, "a live wire." He is maintaining the sport practically by his own exertions.

This baring of our wounds is not pleasant; but the situation is such that we must either take comprehensive measures or watch with what feeling we may the expiring embers of college life.

Very truly yours,  
DAVID A. BAER.

### FRATERNITY NOTES.

The following have been pledged by the Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity: Messrs. George A. Byrne and Elmer Stewart, Arts and Sciences; Mr. H. A. Daly, Pharmacy; and Messrs. C. B. Des Jardins, Cleon R. Nixon, and Arnold C. Otto, Department of Law.

On the night of February 2d the Kappa Sigma Fraternity held its first initiation in its new home, 1100 Vermont Avenue. Mr. J. G. Lerch, of the Department of Law, was the only initiate.

Feeling the need of a little recreation and of a temporary suspension of "grinding" after the exams, the house men of the Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity held an informal dance at the Chapter House, 1717 S Street, on February 2d. The dance proved a huge success.

On Thursday evening, February 3d, a smoker was given at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity house. The evening was made most interesting by the presence of the Chief of the Creek Nation, Motie Tiger. The old chief is one of the greatest living men of his race today. He made a very eloquent speech to the young men, addressing them, as he would have his own young warriors, on the subject of loyalty and greatness. Professor MacNemar was among the number of guests.

### DENTAL SCHOOL NOTES.

Students of the University are hereby invited to the initial Dance of the Dental Department, which will be held at Mrs. Dyers, on Saturday, February 11, at 8.30 o'clock. The assessment for each couple—which includes refreshments—will be \$1.50. Those desiring invitations may get them from Mr. William Camalier of the Junior Dental Class.

Mr. L. J. Fowler, former president of the Freshman Class, has given up his course for this year, because of his inability to attend school regularly. Mr. Claude Duffee was elected to fill the unexpired term as President, while Mr. Briggs was elected secretary to fill Mr. Duffee's position.

After being confined in the hospital for several weeks Vernon V. Hooper is again able to attend classes.

The Freshman Class has been increased by the matriculation of Andrew P. Bush, of West Virginia, who formerly attended the Baltimore Medical College.

### TEACHERS COLLEGE NOTES.

A meeting of the senior class of Teachers College has been called for Wednesday, February 15, at 5.45 in Room 21. It is urged that all seniors be present as the class officers are to be elected.

Dean Hough recently attended the sessions of the National Philosophical Association held at Princeton. On his way home he spent a day in Philadelphia visiting the Department of Education at the University of Pennsylvania, which is under the direction of Dr. Yocum. By the way, Dr. Yocum will deliver a lecture in our city in March, under the auspices of the High School Teachers Association.

The Federal School Men's Club banqueted at the Highlands last Friday night. Dean Hough, Dr. Ruediger, Dr. Small, and Prof. Kramer were among those who feasted. Dr. Small presided. The address of the evening was delivered by Dr. White, Superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane, who spoke on "Incipient Mental Disorders in Adolescents." He pointed out that most mental disorders originate in early adolescence, and signs of such disorders are often present and recognizable. Many of the late investigations in psychiatry are concerned chiefly with the study of the danger signals indicating the incipency of mental disorders. He laid emphasis upon the instinctive tendency of the mind to develop self protecting mento-mechanisms. The mind seems bent on preserving its esteem at all costs and will build up explanations of the short-comings of the subject, which explain them as due to other circumstances than one's own deficiency. Thus originate delusions. The educator can often prevent disaster by adjusting the educational and other circumstances of the person so as to relieve the causes of such delusions.

The other day an unhappy teacher held in her hand a nickel and a car ticket, declaring, "These are the last remnants of my salary for December. When? Oh! when, do we get our pittance for January?" We know many teachers who were in the same "fix," being compelled to borrow money because of the delayed payment of their checks. The situation was really more serious than amusing.

Rev. John Van Schaick, Jr., who is well known to our teachers in connection with the philanthropic work of our city, has registered in Teachers College to do special advanced work with Dr. Small.

Dean Hough has been invited to take part in the deliberations of the conference on "The Moral Phases of Public Education," called by the Religious Education Association, and to be held at Teachers College, New York, February 16-17. Prominent educators from all parts of the country will attend.

In connection with Dr. C. W. A. Veditz's course in criminology and penology, Mr. R. L. Haycock is pursuing special studies in criminology in its relation to juvenile delinquency.



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**THE PROPOSED REMEDY.**

On another page of this issue we are publishing a letter from Mr. David A. Baer, in which the writer discusses at length the status of student activities in the University, and suggests a remedy, whereby, he believes, it will be possible to inject into student activities here a new force. Mr. Baer is well qualified to discuss such matters. He has been a student in the University for the past five years. During that time he has been identified with practically every student activity the University has. He has been prominently connected with student publications, athletics, dramatics, and debating. His experience has thus brought him into close touch with every phase of student life here, and qualifies him to speak with authority upon the difficulties attendant upon the management of student enterprises, and to suggest possible lines of improvement.

But disregarding Mr. Baer's long connection with student activities in the University, and considering only the scheme which he advocates, we believe that his analysis of the situation is quite right, and further that the remedy which he suggests is one that is well worth trying. The picture of the status of student activities here, which the writer depicts, is not, to be sure, one of roseate hue. But his colors are certainly not overdrawn. Those who are in closest touch with the few remaining student activities still extant, will, we believe, corroborate every statement made by Mr. Baer.

The proposed scheme is in brief that the University give credit for work done in connection with student enterprises. There is nothing novel about it. It is an old scheme that has been tried elsewhere and found to be satisfactory. It is a scheme which, we believe, is peculiarly adapted to our own conditions.

If we were to ask ourselves why it is that so few students participate in football, in debating, in dramat-

ics, and in student enterprises generally, we should have to answer, because the large majority of the students can not spare the time. There are, of course, some whose habitual excuse of "no time" is a mere sham plea, disguising a deep seated indifference. But the greater part of the student body is too busy preparing for class room work to engage in any outside diversion. Most students here need every credit they can get, and it requires all their time to get those credits. Consequently what is needed to induce students to participate in student activities, is that the University should reward such participants by giving them credit towards their degrees. This we believe to be the fundamental basis for the solution of our present difficulties.

Whether it is possible to fix a permanent schedule of credit to be given for participation in student activities which would insure the success of such activities, or whether, like the tariff the schedule would have to be revised up and down to adjust it to the needs of each year, or whether it would automatically adjust itself, can not be prophesied. But that it is possible to arrange an adequate schedule, though perhaps not in an hour as suggested by Mr. Baer, seems to admit of little doubt.

It seems to us however, that the scheme suggested by Mr. Baer needs to be supplemented by something. That scheme would probably induce students to participate in the various student enterprises. But there is another and an equally important evil to be remedied, namely, the financial difficulty of conducting student activities. To a certain extent, perhaps, the proposed scheme, by creating more interest among the student body in student activities, would make such activities a financial possibility also. But a more direct measure is needed. To remedy this difficulty, a fee might very well be charged every student, as a necessary condition of his becoming a student here, just as laboratory fees are now charged. This fee should entitle the student to membership in the Athletic Association, to a copy of the student annual, and to a subscription to THE NEWS. If this measure were adopted all the various departments of student interest would be conducted much more efficiently from a financial standpoint. The fees now charged are, to be sure, quite sufficient. But certainly the addition of a few dollars more would not make it necessary for any prospective student to go elsewhere for his university education.

**RECENT FACULTY APPOINTMENTS.**

The following appointments were recently made to the Faculty of the University: J. B. Briggs, S. B., M. D., to be instructor in pathology and bacteriology; W. J. Mallory, M. D., to be instructor in medicine and attending physician in the dispensary. Dr. F. F. Smith resigned; D. C. Poole, A. B., A. M., M. Dip., to be instructor in political science for the second semester. Mr. Poole will have charge of the course on the consular service.

"Diamonds made of paste is the reason we see so many diamonds in the theater boxes."—Kern.

**THE BATTLE OF RACKYERWITZ.**

Late press dispatches from The News' special correspondents at the front report that the threatened battle at Rackyerwitz has taken place, and while details are as yet unknown and reports in general untrustworthy, it is well established that the battle resulted in an overwhelming victory for the forces of the Geedubbelyews. The enemy have been utterly routed, their camp taken, and a number of their officers and men captured.

The battle was a mighty one and deserves to rank with the decisive battles of history. The opposing forces were led by their greatest captains, and numbered in their ranks their mightiest men of valor. The Geedubbelyews were in three divisions led by Studeo, Crammo, and Bohnhardt. Their best troops were under Studeo, picked men of valor. Conspicuous among them were the knights, whose shining equipment constantly gave forth bright reflections, men whose (k) nightly preparation had equipped them with an armor of hard facts. The other troops were equipped variously, some of them seeming ill at ease and unfamiliar with their brand-new and hastily-donned arms. Among them were a few cavalry. Opposing them, surrounding them so that escape was impossible, were the forces of the enemy led by Quizzo, the Mighty, and Eg-Zamino. The rumble of their artillery as it was dragged into position was well-nigh deafening.

Before the onslaught the Geedubbelyews were addressed by Grado, a veteran of many frays, too old to battle in this one.

"Men of Geedubbelyew," he exhorted them, "the foes whom you have to face are strong in numbers, but weak in courage. Their whole strength lies in their fire,—in their archers and artillery. If you but endure their fire and come to sword's length with them, they are unarmed and at your mercy."

The cavalry, however, demurred, knowing their weakness in a close encounter, and insisted upon leading a preliminary skirmish. But when they faced the heavy fire of Eg-Zamino, their horses, chiefly ponies and trotters, became unmanageable, and most of them died an ignominious death.

The main assault began. The ser-

ried battalions of Studeo, Crammo, and Bohnhardt advanced steadily to the fray. The artillery of Eg-Zamino thundered upon them, the keen barbed shafts of Quizzo tore through their ranks, but they pressed steadily on. As fast as a gap was made in their ranks they closed over and continued their steady advance. Several days the assault went on with infrequent halts for breath and for tightening up the joints of their armor. Battalion after battalion of the enemy surrendered to the Geedubbelyews without a struggle when the latter had reached their ranks and stood face to face with them at sword's length. At the end of a week's fighting the victory was complete. The camp of the enemy with all their artillery and ammunition were in the hands of the Geedubbelyews. A number of the enemy's leaders,—some of the highest rank, who rejoice in the barbarous titles of Ayes and Bees,—were taken prisoners, as well as a host of lesser degree.

The astonishment of the Geedubbelyews was great, when they saw approaching after the battle, a deputation of elders of venerable aspect. The elder who seemed to be dean of the party was spokesman.

"We are," he said, "an embassy from the tribe of the Proffes, and have come to renew our ancient treaties of friendship and alliance. Though you have supposed us to be your foes, we have in reality been your friends even in the camp of the enemy. It is we who spiked their guns and damped their bowstrings; it is we who blunted their shafts and filled their artillery with blank charges, formidable only to the cowardly and the unprepared. We simulated alliance with the foe merely to test you, and having seen and approved of your courage and your honor, we come to congratulate you on your honorable and well-won victory and to reaffirm our friendship and cooperation."

Then the ancient treaties were renewed, and the victory of the Geedubbelyews was made enduring by an alliance with their old friends and cooperators, the Proffes.

"Tommy," the schoolma'am asked, "why are you scratching your head?"

"'Cause nobody else knows just where it itches."—Anon.

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## ALUMNI NOTES.

David A. Molitor, B.S. in C.E., '08, honorary C.E., '08, is Professor in charge of the Department of Topographical and Geodetic Engineering in Cornell University. He has been connected with many of the most important engineering projects of recent years, among others the following: assistant engineer, Mississippi Bridge, in charge of the erection of the superstructure, 1890-2; designing and superintending engineer on works connected with the Sault Ste. Marie Falls Canal and the Channels through the Great Lakes 1892-8; conducted precise leveling operations for the U. S. Board of Engineers on deep waterways, St. Lawrence River, 1898-9; the next six years he spent in private business as consulting engineer, and for the following two years he was employed as designing engineer of the Panama Canal, visiting the Isthmus in May, 1907. He is the author of the Hydraulics of Rivers, Weirs, and Sluices, and also of many professional papers and monographs. Address: Ithaca, N. Y.

The following are sketches of a few of the men of local prominence who have been members of the Board of Trustees within the last year or so:

Mr. Flather is a banker. He received his education in the public schools of Baltimore and Washington, after which he entered a brokerage office. After two years' service in the brokerage office he entered the office of Riggs & Company, in 1877. He began at the bottom of the ladder as a messenger, and by perseverance and close attention to his duties, was advanced rapidly. When the establishment was reorganized, in 1896, under the name of the Riggs National Bank, he was made a director and assistant cashier of the institution. In addition to his connection with the Riggs Bank, he is a director in the Real Estate Title Insurance Company and the Potomac Insurance Company. Address, Riggs National Bank, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Hopkins is Clerk of the United States Court of Claims. He is the son of Mark Hopkins, a former president of Williams College. He was graduated from Williams College in 1862, and entered the Union Army, becoming, successively, captain, brevet major, and lieutenant colonel. In 1866 he was an officer of the government, under the Reconstruction Acts. He was graduated from our Law School and pursued the study of law further in the office of David Dudley Field. Subsequently, he practiced law in New York City until 1873, when he was appointed to his present position as Clerk of the Court of Claims. Address, 1826 Massachusetts avenue, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Lisner is a prominent local merchant. He was born in Germany in 1852. Coming to America, he accepted a position with Altman

& Company, dry goods merchants in New York City, and became buyer for the firm. In October, 1877, he came to Washington and opened a small dry goods store on the present site of the Raleigh Hotel. He gradually built up a large trade, and later moved into his present large department store, called the Palais Royal. Address, Eleventh and G streets, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Rixey is Surgeon-General of the United States Navy. His early education was obtained in the schools of Culpepper and Warrenton, Virginia, after which he attended the University of Virginia, receiving the M. D. degree in 1873. Thereafter he studied for a short time in the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. In 1874 he entered the United States Navy as an assistant surgeon. He was rapidly promoted in rank. In February, 1902, he was made Surgeon-General with the rank of Rear-Admiral. Alphonso XIII, king of Spain, conferred on him the decoration of the Order of Naval Merit for services rendered the officers and crew of the *Carabal Santa Maria* on the occasion of the explosion of that vessel in New York harbor in 1893. He is a member of many of the leading medical societies of Washington and elsewhere. Address, 1518 K street, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Finley is president of the Southern Railway Company. His first railway experience was with the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern, and Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans railroads, from 1873 to 1883. Beginning as the vice-president's stenographer, he gradually advanced to assistant general freight agent. During 1889-90 he was chairman of the Trans-Missouri Traffic Association, and chairman of the Western Passenger Association from 1890 to 1892. In 1892 he became general traffic manager of the Great Northern and Montana Central Railroad, serving for three years when he became vice-president of the Southern Railway. In October, 1895, he was made second vice-president of the Great Northern Railway, which position he occupied until May, 1896, when he returned to the Southern Railway as second vice-president. He served in that capacity until after the death of President Samuel Spencer, in November, 1906, when he was elected president. Address, Thirteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C.

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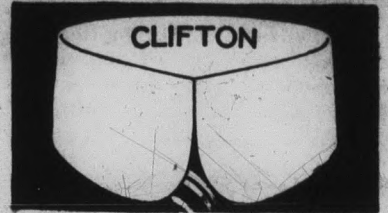
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## TAKES AN INTERESTING TRIP

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lowed a visit through the various departments. The administrative offices, the library, the publication division, the photographic section, the Foreign Trade Bureau, and the exhibits were visited in turn, each particular head explaining the methods and workings of his section, thus enabling everyone to derive a lucid conception of the institution's operation. No pains were spared in touching upon every detail, and every one of the talks was highly instructive. It seemed to be a matter of general regret that the time was so limited.

The class feels deeply indebted to Professor Osborne for having suggested the trip and for his efforts in making it as pleasant as possible, both going and coming. The utmost "leeway" was allowed the members. The Professor kindly consented to stay over several hours in order to permit of a trip through the downtown section of Philadelphia.

### PHARMACY NOTES.

The final examination in Mercantile Pharmacy was given on January 28th.

The Senior Class regrets the loss of Mr. Hardey, who recently passed the examination of the Board of Pharmacy.

Timely arrivals at the Materia Medica lecture: Boyer 10.20, Beeson 10.21, Henderson 10.35, Dam-meyer 10.50.

The temperature of the lecture

room became torrid during the tilt between Miss Nelson and Mr. Beeson relative to butane and propane.

Has any one found a yellow leaflet in a test tube?

The Freshman Class has done very little outside of the regular routine work during the last two weeks.

The Freshman Class quartet consisting of Messrs. Boyd, Daly, Shipman, and Kenner, is improving rapidly. If the present rate of progress continues throughout the remainder of the year, the quartet will no doubt have the entire building to itself at its morning and noon vocal rehearsals.

### CHANGES IN THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

On account of the recent resignation of Mr. Alpheus H. Snow from the Board of Trustees, Mr. H. C. Davis has been made Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board. Mr. Davis is well known among the student body. Last year he was Secretary of the University, and during the latter part of the year, was in addition an instructor in Greek and Latin. Mr. Davis is at present away on a two months visit to the South. Meanwhile, Mr. W. H. Singleton is acting as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Abram Lisner has been made a member of the Executive Committee to succeed Mr. W. D. Hoover, who has resigned from this Committee but not from the Board of Trustees.

## Letters of a College Professor to His Niece.

VII.

**M**Y DEAR GEORGIANA: Like the rest of those bound to University life, I am rejoicing that the half-yearly examinations are over. Though I doubt if many of the students realize that the "grind" is just beginning for those who have been endeavoring to instruct them in the intricacies of knowledge for the last few months. I dread overhauling the papers and discovering how much of the information poured forth during the semester has failed to make any impression whatever upon the undergraduate mind. It would be discouraging if we were not always inspired to hope for better things by the few who show not only capability, but appreciation.

It has been interesting to note the different attitudes of the students toward the examinations. There are those who do not expect to pass and to whom it does not matter—debonair, bored, afflicted by the convention that makes them necessary. Then there are those who will pass because they know and are capable of thinking out what they do not know—they are eager, confident, bright-eyed with anticipation. These I must acknowledge are the extremes. The great majority of them are anxious and tense, their brains teeming with every detail that they have been able to gather, and their gaze turned absordedly inward on that hastily stored knowledge. Jolt their minds from the carefully laid rails of familiar phraseology and express a class-worn question in unaccustomed words and they will chorus, "We've never had that!" The workings of a temporarily overcrowded mind are indeed curious.

Young Wharton seemed to have no difficulties with the examinations though I found it unsafe to venture into his room during the week previous to them because of the difficulty of safe navigation among the books scattered about him. He has just been here, smoking very contentedly before my fire, and he mentioned that you intended to visit Alice Macon here in a week or so in connection with some Junior Week, or something of that sort. I did not quite understand to what he alluded. I am sorry that you did not consult me before deciding to make this visit, for the weather has been very unpleasant of late and I do not believe that you will enjoy your visit, even to so charming a girl as Miss Macon. A little later in the spring, after college closed, possibly, would, I am sure, prove a much more auspicious time. However, I shall be very glad to see you, and hope that you will spare me some of your time. There are to be some lectures during February that should prove most instructive, and I should be glad to have you hear them. Stanley is working harder than ever, with a diligence and energy that cannot be too highly praised. But I hope that you will inform me directly as to when you may be expected.

Your affectionate uncle,  
GEORGE RANKIN.

Mrs. Hix—"I don't take any stock in these faith cures brought about by the laying on of hands."

Mrs. Dix—"Well, I do. I cured my little boys of the cigarette habit that way."—*Stray Stories.*

"We keep our own cow," explained the hostess, proudly. "So we're sure of our milk."

"Well," interrupted the small son of the guest, setting down his cup, "somebody's stung you with a sour cow."—*Toledo Blade.*

### BENEFIT PERFORMANCE PLANNED.

On Wednesday, February 2d, a meeting was called of all the class officers in the several departments of the University. The purpose of the meeting was to put before the student body the plan of the Columbian Women to raise money to help pay the running expenses of the University this year. The Columbian Women have purchased the whole seating of the New National Theater for Monday, February 27th, and have planned a benefit performance for that evening. The play will be "Becky Sharp." Mrs. Fiske will play the role of this celebrated character of Thackeray's Vanity Fair. It is unnecessary to say that no one who attends the performance will be disappointed.

Prof. W. C. Ruediger, Chairman of the Faculty Committee on Student Organization, has arranged to cooperate with the Columbian Women in this performance. The proceeds will be shared between the Columbian Women and the Committee on Student Organizations. The share to which the Columbian Women will be entitled to will, as stated above, be donated to the University. The Committee's share will be used to help pay off the deficits of the several student enterprises, chief among which is the athletic deficit. Professor Ruediger put it clearly before the meeting that the renewal of football in the sport curriculum and the life of the other athletic sports depends upon the wiping out of this debt, which all told amounts to about \$1,700. Prof. H. A. Mumma, a member of the Committee on Student Organizations also spoke, reinforcing what Professor Ruediger had said relative to the necessity of eliminating the debts of the different student activities.

Tickets may be secured at the Treasurer's office, and at the offices of the secretaries of the Law and Medical departments. There will be no advance over the regular prices—50c to \$2.00. Upon application tickets will be reserved until Wednesday of the week previous to the performance. After that all tickets will be returned to the box office of the theater.

Students in all departments of the University are urged to secure tickets at the above named offices at once, and to do their share towards helping put athletics once more upon a sound financial footing.

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## NEEDS OF COLLEGE FULLY SET FORTH

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retain and to encourage the men of our Faculty, who through service have shown that their influence and their teaching constitute a strong, wholesome factor in the personal influence of the curriculum. It is desirable to seek to retain by proper advancement and compensation, the younger men who have demonstrated that they have teaching aptitude, and that personal wholeness that makes their work effective. It is very important that we be familiar with the personality of the Faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences, first because the success or failure of this College depends upon the character of the men, and second, because this factor in the distinctiveness of the College of Arts and Sciences is entirely within our control.

### CHARACTER OF STUDENT BODY.

The student body as a class is a local constituency. Our most effective safeguard is the fact that we have back of us the system of the city high schools, giving students excellent preparation for college. This makes it possible for us to maintain the college standard in higher education. The preparation of the students, their individual character, coming as they do from representative American homes, makes it possible for work of the most satisfactory educational character to be done in the College. We do not have the perplexities in education that would be presented in the conglomerate social organization of some of our cities. There is a distinctiveness of interest in Washington classrooms also, coming from the fact that the students gathered here are from all parts of the country, with differences in temperament and mental attitude and training, that would help to give liberal education, breadth of view, and freedom from narrow and provincial influences. This permanent local student constituency is our own. It is not one we have made; it is here, and it has not been affected by the crisis in University affairs, it is our strong and permanent asset so long as we continue to offer in education the opportunities of the curriculum.

### CURRICULUM GREATLY REDUCED.

The third factor in the College is the curriculum. The registrations of students in the College shows that the best paying subjects in tuitions are the languages, chemistry, history, mathematics, and economics. All of these subjects are of primary importance to the College, not only because they are productive of the largest income, but because they have corresponding educational importance. It must be remembered, however, that a public institution like the College cannot be maintained as a private school can, by offering simply the subjects that pay. If the proper development in liberal education demands a certain curriculum of studies it is necessary for us to offer that curriculum as long as we undertake to offer college work. The curriculum we are at present maintaining is probably reduced to the lowest terms of efficiency in education. There is no subject that could be regarded as simply a luxury. All are essential. Inspection of the registration would suggest that it is desirable to encourage in every practical way a larger registration in Latin and Greek, in Philosophy, and in Geology and Zoology. The subjects having the large registrations should be maintained at the highest degree of efficiency compatible with our resources.

### SOCIAL LIFE OF THE COLLEGE.

The last factor is the social life of the College. We are lacking somewhat in atmosphere and *esprit de corps*. We have no permanent site, no dormitory life. The fraternity life of the students constitutes about the only basis for developing that college atmosphere that comes from community life. It is desirable that the fraternities should be helped to feel that the University has an interest in their welfare, that they should make their fraternity houses more and more college centers, where the moral ideals of home life, and the college ideals of dormitory life, become influences of increasing strength, giving to us more and more a college atmosphere. A recent requirement that all

student organizations shall register with the Secretary of the University, is a reminder of University obligation and subordination and loyalty, all of which influences should be strengthened in the student life. It would be very desirable if all of the fraternities could be induced to take houses as near as possible to the College Buildings, in order that the community life may thus be centralized and strengthened. As the College of Arts and Sciences is distinctively organized personal influence in education, it is a wise policy to study how this organization may be made more vital.

The Faculty and the student body should receive all encouragement and support that can be given them. Your Committee have the assurance that the presence of the Trustees in the classrooms of the College will be welcomed at any and all times. The bearing of common burdens, administrative and educational, has developed a community of fellowship and sympathy in the College life that has been an appreciable and encouraging thing during this academic year. The educational work is in a prosperous condition, but the budget of this year which was adopted in a financial crisis should be increased sufficiently to give additional help in the heavier subjects and to relieve the physical burden of long hours of teaching, which, if continued for a long period, would overtax the strength of some of the men.

The work of the College is growing; the University grew out of it; it is indispensable to the University. As Mr. Webster said of Dartmouth long ago, "It is a small college but there are those who love it."

Respectfully submitted,

Signed, SAMUEL H. GREENE,  
WM. H. SINGLETON,  
Committee on the College of Arts  
and Sciences.

### PLANS OF THE CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

At the January meeting of the Society, Mr. Elmer Stewart was appointed chairman of a Committee on Statistics. The committee will endeavor to obtain information concerning the relative advantages of the many branches of chemistry, their desirability both as regards character of work and pecuniary reward, together with their geographical distribution and economic importance.

This information will be compiled for the use of the members of the Society and will doubtless prove of great value.

Tickets for the Banquet to be given on the evening of February 21st, at the New Ebbitt, are being disposed of rapidly. Messrs. Baston, Lepper, and Pozen of the Committee on Entertainment, are arranging an interesting program and the occasion promises to be a successful one.

Many former students of Chemistry are expected to attend the February meeting of the Society on the 10th, when Dr. Wiley will deliver an address. It is hoped that this meeting will partake of the nature of a reunion of ex-students of Chemistry here.

### CONVOCATION ON FEBRUARY 22d.

The annual Winter Convocation will be held as usual on Washington's birthday. The affair will be wholly informal. There will be no procession. The exercises will be held at 10.30 a. m. in the main lecture hall of the Law School on the fifth floor of the Masonic Temple. Mr. Charles Francis Adams will be present and make a few remarks. The Rev. Williamson Smith, D.D., ex-President of Trinity College, Hartford, will be the chaplain of the day. The principal speaker will be Mr. Frank W. Hackett

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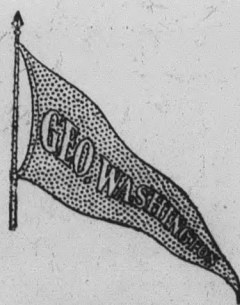
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## ENGINEERING SCHOOL NOTES.

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A few of the engineers took an interesting walk the other day, and wound up at the site of the Capitol Traction Co.'s new power house in Georgetown. Work is progressing very rapidly there now. The members of the party had a practical illustration of how concrete foundations are laid. Concrete in real life looks quite different from what it does in a "Mechanics of Materials."

One of the most interesting events of the year to students in the Engineering College will take place on Saturday evening, February 4th, in the G. W. U. wireless room. An attempt will be made to play a game of chess with the University of Pennsylvania "via wireless." The apparatus has already been in communication with "Penn," but no such elaborate conversation has been carried on as will be necessary in order to play a game of chess.

## COLUMBIAN SOCIETY MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Columbian Debating Society was held on Friday evening, February 3d. The question debated was "That it is for the best interests of the United States to fortify the Panama Canal." Messrs. Lazarus and Marcus upheld the cause of fortification. Their arguments convinced two of

the three judges. Messrs. Hilton and Smith opposed fortification, arguing that the Canal Zone should be neutral. Messrs. Marcus and Smith were declared honor men.

## THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

Have you thirty minutes to spare or which you would put to good advantage every Friday afternoon, from 1 o'clock to half-past one? If any man in the University has, he is cordially invited to join the Y. M. C. A. Study Group, which meets on that day and at that hour in the English Room.

Everyone who does come will find it worth his while and will feel himself well repaid, for the discussions, as outlined, will touch upon problems that confront every thinking young man. It is a course that grows better, as it progresses.

Furthermore, good leadership is assured. In securing Mr. Lloyd C. Douglas, the Association has been extremely fortunate; for he is not only an experienced leader, but a practical one of broad views, who enters into his subjects deeply and makes every minute of vital interest. At the Central Y. M. C. A. this winter, his course on "Vital Questions in Human Life" has met with an enthusiastic reception, and it is on the special request of General Secretary Cooper that Mr. Douglas has consented to take charge of this part of the Y. M. C. A. work in this University.

At the opening meeting on Friday last, Mr. Douglas outlined the scope of the work to be pursued and stated his method, which met with marked approval from those present. Already fifteen men have signified their intention of attending, and it is expected that this number will be greatly increased by the time of the next meeting.

## AT THE COLUMBIA

WILTON LACKAYE, IN "THE STRANGER."

Wilton Lackaye's new play, "The Stranger," in which he will be seen at the Columbia Theater this week, is a new venture and one in which all Washington should be particularly interested.

The story of the play is laid in a Georgia town, the scene of a struggle between the new South and the old, and has to do with the clash between business men trying to shake up the sleepy town and those who want to have no change from the ancient conditions.

## NEXT WEEK.

Robert Hilliard returns to the Columbia Theater next week in "A Fool There Was." A distinct dramatic sensation of the period, it is the big success of Mr. Hilliard's exceptionally busy quarter-century career. The play is based upon Kipling's idea, expressed in his poem of the fool who "made his prayer to a rag and a bone and a hank of hair." In a modern, up-to-date story of real life, such as involves many men of rank and reputation.

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